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SURFACE TENSION USING THE BUBBLE PRESSURE  
METHOD  
Examiner: Tamiko D. BELLAMY  
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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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